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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Marianne P. Allen

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 November 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 23,27-35,37-41,44,47,50,51 and 63-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 41,44,47,50 and 51 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 23,27-34,37,38 and 40 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 35,39 and 63-71 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 23,27-35,37-41, 44, 47, 50-51, 63-71 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 36, 42-43, 45-46, 48-49, 52, 55, and 58 have been cancelled. Claims 63-71 have been newly introduced. Claims 41, 44, 47, and 50-51 remain withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03. Claims 23, 27-35, 37-40, and 63-71 have been examined.

This application contains claims 41, 44, 47, and 50-51 drawn to an invention nonelected with traverse. A complete reply to the final rejection must include cancellation of nonelected claims or other appropriate action (37 CFR 1.144) See MPEP § 821.01.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 35, 39, and 63-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. This is a new matter rejection.

Claims 64-71 are newly presented claims. No basis has been pointed to and none is apparent for these claims.

Claim 35 recites “producing a crystal of said molecule or molecular complex.” With respect to this claim, the specification discloses and describes only the particular crystals that gave the atomic coordinates in Figure 1 for particular molecule or molecular complex. The specification does not disclose nor contemplate producing other crystals that give these coordinates.

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Claims 39 and 64-71 recite “producing a crystal of a molecule or molecular complex comprising IMPDH.” With respect to claim 39, applicant points to pages 39-40. However, the specification does not disclose the methods recited in these claims. There is no disclosure of producing any or all crystals or complexes of IMPDH and following the steps set forth in the claim. This section of the specification discloses using molecular replacement based on the structure of Figure 1. These limitations are not present in the instant claims. Furthermore, the specification does not enable production of X-ray crystallography quality crystals commensurate in scope with the claims.

Conclusion

Claims 23, 27-34, 37-38, and 40 are allowable.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marianne P. Allen whose telephone number is 571-272-0712. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30 am - 1:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Woodward can be reached on 571-272-0722. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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